

What is the Peterborough City and County Homelessness Coordinated Access System?

A Coordinated Access System is a community wide strategy to help prevent homelessness and to match individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing and support resources. Using a Housing First approach, participating agencies in Peterborough work together to assess people's housing related needs, and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing.

"Housing First is a program model, a systems approach, and a philosophy that recognizes housing as a basic human right and focuses on helping people experiencing homelessness obtain housing stability."

Serving People Who Are At-Risk of, or Experiencing Homelessness



This includes individuals and families who are:

1. Unsheltered (sleeping outside)
2. Emergency Sheltered
3. Temporarily Sheltered (couch surfing)
4. At-risk of homelessness

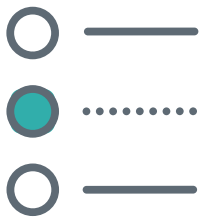
Community Entry Points and Common Assessment



Agencies trained to identify and assess people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and working with them to:

1. Prevent homelessness
2. Divert from emergency shelter when possible
3. Assess needs and make connections to landlords, supports and available housing

Peterborough By Name Priority List (BNPL)



Once assessed, people are added to the Peterborough By-Name Priority List, a real-time, up to date list of all people experiencing homelessness in Peterborough. The BNPL helps community partners know every person experiencing homelessness by name, understand what their unique needs are, and then prioritize them for the most appropriate and available housing intervention.

Matching to Available Resources



Peterborough's BNPL matches dedicated support and housing resources, as they become available, prioritized to meet an individual or family's depth of need. These resources can include affordable, supportive, or transitional housing, rent supplements, support workers and more.

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